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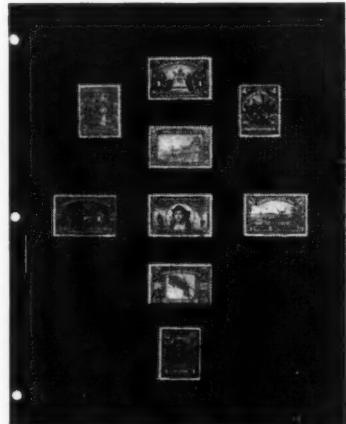
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Stamp Collectors Victimized by Spurious Error

THE Philatelic Research Laboratories, Inc., have recently completed an extensive investigation by which it is proven that a stamp recognized for more than 25 years as a rare "error of color" is nothing more than a changeling. Collectors and dealers have both regarded it as one of the rarest varieties of the 20th Century United States stamps and specimens have changed hands for prices well over a hundred dollars on the rather infrequent occasions when such have been offered.

Now, as a result of the application of present day means of study, it is proven beyond a doubt that the variety is one that can be manufactured by anyone within his own home and without the need of extensive supplies, advanced chemical knowledge or apparatus.

This stamp is the "lake" shade of the 2c Panama Pacific, issued in 1913 to celebrate the Exposition of 1915 in San Francisco, California. The investigation was brought about through the coincidence of the Philatelic Research Laboratories, Inc., having the opportunity to make a comparison of two specimens of this "error of color" (so-called) from two large collections in their custody for examination. Comparison of the two stamps showed a marked difference in color though both were of the correct "lake" tone which had been "accepted" for this variety.

Many stories have been told of the finding and existence of this stamp. Some chose to regard it as an "error of color" while others considered it nothing more than a rare shade. However, the general consensus of opinion placed the number of known examples at between 20 and 40. All were supposed to have come from the single sheet discovered in San Francisco and if all of them came from this one sheet, how could the decided difference in the color of the two "lakes" be accounted for?

The Philatelic Research Laboratories, Inc., asked themselves this question and thereupon commenced an investigation, the results of which prove beyond any possible doubt that any ordinary "carmine" stamp of this period can be turned into a "lake" in a few moments with

nothing more needed than the oven of a cook stove or a strong electric light bulb.

The first phase of the investigation was to record as many specimens as possible. No less than 84 were located with a radius of 250 miles from New York City and the existence of a considerable number is known in various collections in other parts of the country. This disproves completely the "only one sheet of seventy" story.

The next phase was a critical examination of both the normal stamps and the "lakes" by which it was determined that the composition of ink was identical on both. It was further determined that the "lake" color was not the result of any chemical treatment.

The examination did not stop at this point but the original ink formula was secured through the courtesy of postal officials and from this formula, it was seen that the ink inherently was of an unstable character which might be subject to change under certain abnormal conditions of temperature and humidity or both. Experiments were conducted with a large number of stamps and it was found possible to transform the color of any carmine stamp of the issue to a "lake" merely by exposure to a relatively high temperature. The depth or intensity of the "lake" color can be regulated by the actual degree of temperature and the length of exposure and the change will take place identically with both used and unused specimens. The shades of the two specimens which brought about the investigation were matched perfectly and a wealth of other shades produced all basically "lake" in color. It was determined that exposure to heat will change the basic "carmine" of this issue to a "lake" in all instances. The actual color may vary according to the original shade of the stamp but it is definitely "lake" in tone. Try it yourself and see.

Whether the original sheet reputedly found was turned "lake" accidentally or deliberately will perhaps never be known but there is sufficient evidence to show that the stamp was never produced in that color by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. There is also a great deal of evidence to show that many specimens have been manufactured during recent years solely with a view to deceiving

the great number of collectors and dealers who held faith in the story of the original "find" of the sheet, but the number of specimens known is ample proof that there are more lakes than would come from one sheet.

In some respects it is unfortunate that Philately must be regarded as the victim of such a "hoax" for it can only tend to create suspicion in certain other varieties of similar character. In this respect the "lake" shades of the regular 2c stamps of 1910 and 1912 must be regarded in the same light as the 2c Panama Pacific for the same ink formula was used for the 2c stamps throughout that period, but this discovery should not create suspicion in numerous other color varieties which are perfectly legitimate and collectible.

A. S. D. A. Catches Thieves

A recent Bulletin of the American Stamp Dealers Association announces that through prompt publicity sent out by Secretary Edson J. Fifield, quick capture was effected of two men, who pleaded guilty to theft of stamps from Macy's Philatelic Centre and Gimbel's Stamp Department. They were convicted, penalty not stated. The material stolen included a stock book containing several thousand dollars' worth of U. S. and a British Colonial collection of nearly as much value. A man suspected of theft of stamps from auction and stock books was arrested on those charges and identified. Convicted of larceny, he was found to be out on parole and is now beginning what may be a three-year term. Dealers of the New York area in particular are co-operating in trying to check the numerous stamp thefts, some of them of large and valuable items, and the above are examples of progress to date. Collectors or dealers offered material suspected of being stolen should communicate with Mr. Fifield, 500 Fifth Ave., New York City. Losses have resulted to buyers from being careless and learning too late that the stamps purchased were stolen property and returnable to the owner.

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By SEYMOUR A. RISH

Send items of interest concerning the Chicago area to Seymour A. Rish, Linn's Chicago correspondent, 3408 W. Fifth Ave., Chicago, Ill. Mr. Rish will appreciate hearing from any readers who have news items of general interest.

The Roosevelt Philatelic Society of Chicago, 8134 Kenwood Ave., meets at 8:15 p. m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

They issue an excellent mimeographed publication, "The Straight-Edge", which they proudly state has appeared regularly for 5 years and 11 months. My thanks to their secretary, L. E. Van Reeth, for placing my name on the mailing list.

Paul J. Cash, 40 year old Anamosa, Ia., attorney found out it does not pay "cash" to impersonate a postmaster. He was sentenced to two years in Leavenworth penitentiary on a charge of impersonating his brother, James Cash, postmaster at Anamosa, in passing a worthless check, reports the Oct. 30 *Chicago Daily Tribune*.

I have noticed a very common oversight on the part of collectors who have taken advantage of my last two accommodation offers, namely, the failure to supply self-stamped addressed envelopes. They all included return postage, but some failed to supply an envelope with their name and address on it.

I received a letter from a reader which should have been sent directly to LINN'S. The writer inquired about an item which was not in my column. Please bear in mind that I shall appreciate receiving letters of complaint and suggestions, but they must concern this column only. Any comment concerning other parts of LINN'S should be sent to Columbus, Ohio.

My appreciation and thanks to Mrs. H. D. Haight of Rochester, N. Y., for the fine 13th Constitutional Amendment first day cover.

• Our readers should note that Mary O. Wilson, who has been running the SELLING OUT advertisements each week, has taken space on a year's contract and expects to go right on down through the catalog with her offers. Incidentally, you will note a new address on the advertisement this week. Formerly 117 Walbrook Ave. and now at 111 Bement Ave., in the same city.

• The navy post offices of the U. S. S. Abel P. Upshur and Welborn C. Wood were discontinued the first week of September due to the ships leaving the U. S. Navy.

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Statesan, Wisc.—First annual exhibition by the Beacon Stamp Club, Dec. 5-6. Competitive entries by club members, while over ten southern Wisconsin clubs are entering non-competitive entries.

Auction Calendar

Dec. 2—Mail Sale. H. Wendt, Waverly, Iowa.

Dec. 6—Hi-Hat Sale at Garfield-Perry Open House. Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., 415 Clinton Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

Dec. 19—U. S. and Foreign, balance Hardenberg collection. M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

March 29—At ATEX exhibition, Atlantic City. M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

• There being no newspapers published in the colony of French Oceania, the post office recently started publishing a daily titled "Bulletin de Presse" which carries local ads. While French is the official language, most of the population can not speak it.

• "The 5c 1847," says Senator Boodlebaum, "are like policemen, since they are seldom to be found when wanted."

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1½c Electric Eye January 16

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is preparing to extend the electric-eye method of perforating to additional denominations of postage stamps, which have to date been restricted to 2c and 3c varieties, it was announced Nov. 22 by the Post Office Department.

Electric-eye plates, Nos. 22645 and 22646, have been made for 1½c stamps, and arrangements are being made to start the printing thereof early in January, 1941.

These 1½c electric-eye stamps will be placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency and the Washington, D. C., post office on January 16, 1941. However, because of the small number of identification marks on each pane of these, it is not feasible for either the Washington, D. C. post office or the Philatelic Agency to accept first-day covers for servicing.

Collectors will note that this does not constitute a new stamp issue, as the 1½c in Electric Eye printings will differ from other printings only by the addition on some margins of the panes of plate markings which are used to obtain better perforation. The Department in announcing a first day of issue of the stamps with different type of plate markings is acceding to requests of many collectors who desired to obtain first day covers bearing stamps having the distinguishing sheet margins attached. 62 stamps at the most, from each sheet of 400 will have such distinguishing markings on attached margins.

What They Say

"We can look forward to a time when every island and atoll in the Pacific will have its own issue."—South African Philatelist upon learning of the Pitcairn and Norfolk Islands issues.

"After all, when special post offices are provided to encourage people to post unneeded letters, it is only business to encourage them to register them." Philatelic Magazine re New Zealand's special registry labels at centennial offices.

"Wendell Willkie will be elected President of the United States before all our readers living on the west coast receive this paper." Lawrence Brothers' Philatelic Press dated Nov. 4 joins the Literary Digest in election forecasting.

First Day Calendar

1½c Martha Washington sheet stamps with Electric Eye markings (the addition of these markings on the sheet margins being the only difference) to be issued Jan. 16 at the Philatelic Agency and Washington, D. C., post office. P. O. will not service covers.

• Most of the cancelled 3 shilling Rhodesian stamps, series of 1893-94, were used for fiscal purposes at small places where no fiscal cancellation was available and the postal cancellation was used of necessity.

• General Jose de San Martin, depicted on many Argentine stamps, was chosen first chief of independent Chile, but declined the office.

British Colonial Pictorials

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Railway Post Office Notes

In our August 24 Notes regarding existing trolley car post offices we overlooked one office that has been in existence ever since the Texas Electric Railway Co. was built. This is the "Denison & Dallas R. P. O." which operates in trolley cars between those cities, two round trips being made each day (resulting in postmark being found with Train Numbers 8, 9, 18 and 21). No doubt many of our Texas readers have seen this car. The company in the timetable calls attention to this unusual service by a reference mark and the foot-note explains this "Carries Railway Mail Car daily except Sunday." A notation possibly unique in timetable footnotes, Dr. Timothy F. Mullen calls attention to an error in our list of trolley car RPOs, in that the Spokane & Moscow office was discontinued early in 1939. An item last year in Linn's called attention to the discontinuance of this office on March 31, 1939.

To expedite emergency shipments of serums and pharmaceutical supplies the postal laws have been amended as of October 2, authorizing Railway Mail Clerks to accept parcels from manufacturers of such material. The packages must be indorsed by the sender "Emergency — This package has been weighed and necessary postage affixed. If any additional postage is found to be due at destination, same is guaranteed by the sender." Only first class mail may otherwise be accepted for mailing at R. P. O.

The Terre Haute & Washington RPO was discontinued on Sept. 30, but this office apparently never obtained a postmark of its last name, for the last trip covers received through courtesy of Capt. Norman D. King and Wm. G. Koelln are postmarked with the Terre Haute & Petersburg RPO postmark which has been in use the past several years at least. The Terre Haute & Petersburg route was 99 miles long and operated by

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Cover at hand courtesy Alvin Franzblau bearing postmark of Seattle & Seward RPO, the familiar marking used on boats plying between the two ports. The marking is rubberstamped and the killer is different from usual RPO in that it is composed of three horizontal double lines. The purser's ticket stamp is also stamped on the cover, indicating the cover was sent from the S. S. Aleutian of the Alaska Steam Ship Co.

The September Quarterly of the National Railway Historical Society contained an article "R. P. O. or H. P. O.?" and described a post office installed in a highway truck in use between Washington, D. C., and Winchester, Va., with clerk aboard the truck sorting mail enroute just as is done in an R. P. O. But the story is just a little ahead of the actual thing, for though H. R. 6424, which was approved by Congress on July 11, 1940, authorized such service, none up to this month had yet been established. At this writing nothing definite has been decided regarding the route or routes to be used, type of vehicle, or inauguration dates. We will keep our readers posted so far as possible on this new travelling post office development. Similar offices, termed Mobile Post Offices, are in use in Europe, though still

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	346 4c	.90	.75
	347 5c	1.60	1.10
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	371 2c	1.50	1.10
	373 2c	1.75	1.50
	383 1c	.07	.05
	384 2c	.07	.04
1912	408 1c	.05	.03
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mainly experimental. In the United States, the use of "Highway Post Office" service has been urged for years by postal clerks and others interested, to replace the dwindling mail service on branch line railroads.

The clerks at the New York World's Fair RPO prepared a very attractive printed cachet for use on the last day of service, Oct. 27 and we are indebted to them for a specimen. The car used is depicted (incidentally it was N. Y. C. 4568 which may now be seen in service) names of the clerks and officials are neatly arranged in the design. Cover bears the postmark, timed at 12 P. M.

Apropos of our recent remarks about the odd Rutland & Troy RPO post mark, the clerk who worked on this route was named Morrison and operated as its clerk for nearly 40 years in the period following the Civil War. Another type of cancel with his name inscribed is known to collectors.

Latest information is that the Fort Wayne & Newcastle RPO, which as mentioned before is located in a trolley car, will be discontinued about the first of the year, as the operating company has received permission from Indiana and federal commissions to abandon the line in favor of bus and truck operation. We expect to learn the exact date soon. We were told recently by the crew that practically every day the clerk on the car is given cards or covers to be postmarked for stamp collectors or passengers desiring them as souvenirs.

"DAV(enport) & C. BLUFFS" is the black RPO marking on a cover from a recent Ohio find. Stamp is 3c, 1861 design grilled. A letter inside was dated April 25, 1870. Marking was the standard light sans-serif type of lettering.

In Ohio at least, railroad station agents used their ticket dating handstamps as postmarks and once in a while as cancellation as well. A recent find turned up 3c Greens and 2c Browns with several of these markings. Octagonal blue and green ticket stamps inscribed "P. C. & St. L. R'y./Co./AUG 30 1883 (date varies) BLACK-LICK/STATION" with date in center; same wording and arrangement with "SUMMIT/STATION." Two railroads had joint use of the track and on an 1873 cover appears the double-line oval ticket stamp of the Summit office of the "B. & O. R. R. C. O. DIV." Another B&O is "TAYLORS." A num-

ber of other Ohio station markings have been seen used, generally in color, with pen cancellation on stamps. The ticket agents must have been uncertain of the proper position for their marking for the marking appears in almost any possible position on covers, usually fairly clear.

Practically every railroad, be it 40 or 400 miles long, once had or still boasts a "Fast Mail." To collectors this name has remained in the form of the postmarks inscribed "THE FAST MAIL/N. Y. & CHIC. R.P.O." which appears occasionally on early covers of the 3c Green and later period. This was a fast train of from five to seven special mail cars which left New York and Chicago each evening, a force of about 20 clerks being busily engaged since early in the evening sorting mails and getting it ready for onward dispatch at junctions and terminal.

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The Miami Stamp Co., operated until his death recently by Robert Wagner at Fostoria, has been taken over by Ray C. Hartsook of that city, who intends to continue the firm. At present Mr. Hartsook is busily engaged in taking care of correspondence, so readers who have been patronizing this firm will be pleased to know that their wants will soon be attended.

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It is to meet this demand that we are now making the proposals embodied in the offer on this page. We hope that you will read our proposal and plan, carefully. It all depends on you whether we can continue to make and offer pages of the kind offered here, for unless there is a market for approximately 500 sets of each group of pages it will not be practical to print and offer them. Just think of it. If we can feel assured of a market for as little as 500 sets of any group of pages as we have planned these new pages, we can profitably produce them and of course no business can produce material unless it can have a profit for its work.

The present trend in stamp collecting seems to be more and more toward collecting U. S. Stamps. More and more collectors are concentrating on U. S. and since this seems to be the general drift, it is apparent that these collectors will branch out and instead of collecting just a single stamp, they will want both single copies and blocks of four, both used and unused, covers, plate numbers, cancellation varieties, etc. In fact they soon become specialists and build small specialized collections of each individual stamp. This is the method of collecting that brings the most pleasure and enjoyment, the method that teaches you more about your stamps, that keeps and holds your interest and the method that makes your collection different than that of the other fellow. All in all it is a commendable plan and will increase and renew your interest in your stamps.

A small specialized collection of any of the later single commemoratives, or of any of the small sets, such as the Defense stamps, is very easily made, its cost is small and there is a never ending interest in the collection if you continue to search for interesting cancellation varieties and other things which you can add to such a collection. Then too, it gives you a wider opportunity to trade with your fellow collector who too is making specialized collections of many of these commemoratives.

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Because of the many requests we have had for a set of pages for the new DEFENSE stamp, we are starting with this set, the latest one. We are also picking the New York World's Fair Stamp because of its general interest, likewise the late PONY EXPRESS STAMP because of its general interest and attraction.

We feel that these three groups will be sufficient to show those interested just what we propose to offer for all United States Postage Stamps, provided of course that YOU are interested in pages of this quality and thoroughness for your collection.

If the offering of these pages meets with approval, we shall immediately issue a special list of all Commemoratives, make due announcement of the production and publication of further groups of similar pages and prepare to supply you with fine pages of the same general character for all of your U. S. Postage Stamps.

DESCRIPTION OF PAGES

Taking a single stamp such as the Pony Express Stamp, we will issue a set of six pages to hold these stamps. There will be a handsome title page in colors and with appropriate design and wording. Next a page for a single copy and a block of four and this page will have a brief printed statement regarding the stamps. The mounting space for the stamps will have heavy solid black borders, approximately a quarter inch wide, over which you mount the stamp and this will give the handsome mat effect which makes stamps stand out so prominently on your pages. Then a page for covers. This page will have an attractive division mark in the center so that a cover may be mounted both at top and bottom of the page if desired. Thus your first day covers for

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All other sets will be worked out on a similar plan, the prices for all groups being from 25c up, depending on the total number of pages.

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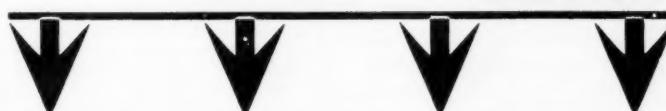
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Editor's Notebook

DANGEROUS TREND J. Merritt Brundige attends many auctions in the New York area and comments on a trend there. He says the present demand, in contrast to 1934-36, is from dyed in the wool collectors who are buying for their collections. There was a demand from them in 1934-36 also, but then the buyers were for the most part persons rushing in to get rich quick in stamps instead of Wall Street.

Mr. Brundige has made a specialty of supplying good average copies to his customers but due to present market finds this material has become scarce. He wonders if the demand for such copies at auction, making it difficult for himself and other dealers to buy, is indicative of collectors turning away from the fetish for "superb" and "perfection" copies? We do too.

The big danger from the current heavy demand and consequent rise in prices is a runaway market that when once again Europe's stamp supplies become available could end as disastrously as the 1934-36 speculation. To the fellow who buys

stamps only for collection purposes; not the one who is adding stocks of duplicates for no definite purpose other than as an accumulator; we see no danger. The demand for perfection was as a rule based on failure to understand just what stamp collecting was all about, rather than a desire to have for appearance's sake the finest copy of every variety. We all kicked about centering for so long that we finally found ourselves failing to recognize well-centered stamps when we did find some. The fetish for light cancels caused many a stamp with a clear, clean cut cancellation to be turned down in favor of one with a slight smudge of ink which anyone could apply with a pencil eraser. Maybe philately is getting its feet on the ground once more; and its head out of the pink clouds.

—R. R.

Perfs and Imperfs

"A PHILATELIC STORY OF THE Red Cross" is the title of an illustrated article in a copy of Winthrop Chemical Company's house organ, "Clinical Excerpts." Author is not stated. Thanks to Edward Ketner for a copy.

AUGUST DIETZ IN THE CONFEDERATE Bulletin opines that there are still as many fine Confederate covers hidden away in trunks as there are in the hands of collectors. That should be encouraging to you discouraged attic dusters. No, August has no maps showing locations of the trunks, other than one covering a certain 11 states and obtainable at any stationery store.

THE STORY OF THE HOAX OF the "lake" shade of the 2c Panama-Pacific should bring shade hunters to realization of just what they have been stressing too much. While there are of course many natural shades, many others are changelings and not worth considering, a point we have repeated whenever occasion offered.

STEVE RICH FAVORS A FREE-FOR-ALL style of issuance of new issues. First day cover fans can retaliate by advocating a general free-for-all in precanceling with anyone desiring to, handing in some stamps to be precancelled. How's that sound Steve?

WE ALL KNOW HOW COVERS from Shanghai, Vera Cruz and other occupation and foreign offices are prized. With construction under way at Castries, St. Lucia, of a seaplane base and other U. S. naval works projected at British possessions, no doubt distinctive markings will be noted before long. Who will report the first?

EVER NOTICE THAT THE AIRMAIL stamp overprinted by Newfoundland in 1932 for use on DO-X mail had, appropriately enough, swastikas in the corner? We suppose some one will come forth with a story of a nefarious plot — or something.

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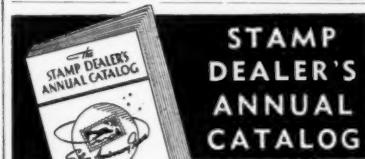
"Must I pay a cachet sponsor the same as a dealer for affixing my stamps or caching my covers?" If the cachet sponsor feels he must profit from the event, then he should do as a stamp dealer and advertise his wares and not expect the stamp press to give free space. Cachets got started with intention of enjoying the sending or publicity, the sponsor supplying the cachet and placing it on covers. It was all free, usually some Chamber of Commerce or collector paying cost of cachet. Since then there has been a gradual entry into stamp dealing, trying in one form or another to collect pennies which mount into dollars. Instead of some cachets being produced to commemorate something, the primary incentive is monetary profit. Hence our barring from free publication all mention of cachets for which there is a charge, no matter by whom or for what. If sponsors don't want to do the work except for profit, they should quit. No one asks them to get out cachets, and one more or less makes no difference, for there are plenty anyway.

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"Why is there not more advance notice of First Flights?" It has not been found practical in many instances to delay inauguration of a new air mail route to allow sufficient time for collectors to prepare covers, consequently some notices of first flights appear in an issue of LWSN too close to the first flight date to be of use to distant collectors. It should be noted that the P. O. Dept. seldom sets a definite date, merely saying "... will take place on or about Dec. 1" or that flight will take place after airport facility improvements are completed. So collectors, if they are prompt to send covers, frequently on even the shortest notice flights, are enabled due to delays in inauguration of service, to obtain first flight covers. All the cities are not usually added to a route on the same date, it should also be noted. In some instances service was inaugurated on such short notice that no cachet could be prepared. It is only a courtesy that collectors are given an opportunity to send covers, as the main purpose of first flight ceremonies is to draw attention of people of the

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—New Air Post Set. Heralded and noted in our issue of November 9th, now at hand from Mr. H. G. Spanton. The 3c., 1P. and 2.50P. are horizontal rectangular format, while the 5c. and 1.25P. are upright. Stamps are on paper watermarked "RA" in Sun multiple, perf. 13. Designs and colors are as previously noted.

JAPAN—Commemoratives. Honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Imperial Rescript (Emperor's answers to questions in the Law) on Education. Both values are upright rectangular format, unwmkd., perf. 12½. The 2 sen show a scene from the ceremony of the granting of the Rescript based on the picture by Yasugoro Ataka, and now kept in the Seitoku Kinen Kaiga Kan in the outer gardens of the Meiji Shrine. The design shows the then premier Aritomo Yamagata and the minister of education, Kensei Yoshikawa, bearing the rescript and just retiring from the Imperial presence. The 4 sen has for its main central design white Japanese charac-

ters, "Chu Ko" signifying loyalty and filial piety. Issued October 25th, with a special cancellation used on October 30th, at all first and second postoffices:

2s. deep purple
4s. dark green
(Karl Lewis)

PANAMA—Quantities issued of the provisionals noted by us October 5th were:

8c. on 15c. blue (50,000)
6c. on 15c. ultramarine (70,000)
7c. on 20c. pink (90,000)
7c. on 15c. ultramarine (40,000)

(Stamp Collecting)

PHILIPPINES—Air Post Stamps. Gibbons' Stamp Monthly reports that a set of the following values for air mail are due to appear soon: 2c., 8c., 10c., 20c., 40c., 60c. and 1 peso.

PITCAIRN ISLAND—Pictorial Issue. First set, heralded by us as far back as June 4, 1932:

1½d. green & orange (Cluster of Oranges)
1d. claret & mauve (View of Pitcairn Island from the sea)
1½d. red & gray (John Adams and his home)
2d. brown & green (View of H. M. Armed Vessel "Bounty" with a portrait of Lt. Bligh)
3d. blue & green (Map)
6d. blue-green & brown (Broadside View of the "Bounty")
1s. black & mauve (View of Pitcairn Island from sea, with portrait of Fletcher Christian)
2s6d. brown & green (Fletcher Christian on stern of "Bounty")

(Columbus Postage Stamp Company)

SAMOA—Provisional Issue. The same remarks made for Cook Islands, in our issue of November 16th, apply also to the provisional for this Colony. The original figures of value are blocked out, as well as the word "half." The surcharge is in black:

3d. on 1½d. sepia (Samoa Chief)
(A. J. Bower)
(Edward S. Betts)
(Miller Brothers)

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—Two new denominations are to be added to the current set, as noted below:

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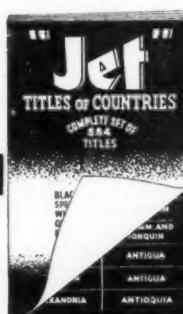
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26	3.00	17	3.00	18	2.75	19	4.25
27	6.00	18	4.00	19	4.25	20	.45
28	Ascension	19	.10	20	.30	21	.06
29	.35	20	.30	21	.35	22	.50
30	.60	24	.30	24	.50	32	.50
31	.65	27	.50	26	.50	33	.90
32	.90	28	.05	27	.06	34	.90
33	2.25	29	.06	28	.30	35	.35
34	5.25	29a	.09	29	.35	30	.50
35	9.00	30	.22	30	.50	31	.60
36	3.35	31	.22	31	.50	32	.50
37	.09	32	.22	32	.50	33	.90
38	.15	33	.30	33	.90	34	.90
39	.22	34	.36	34	.90	35	.90
40	.30	35	.65	35	1.25	36	1.25
41	.37	36	1.35	36	1.25	37	2.50
42	1.85	37	1.80	37	2.50	38	3.75
43	3.00	38	3.00	38	3.75	39	5.50
44	.65	39	6.00	39	5.50	40	.35
45	.90	40	13.50	40a	.35	41	.12
46	2.25	41	4.50	41	.12	42	.25
47	3.35	42	.07	42	.25	43	.30
48	.50	43	.30	43	.35	44	.18
49	.07	44	.18	44	.35	45	.18
50	.09	46	.18	44a	.60	47	.07
51	.12	47	.07	45	.30	48	.10
52	.15	48	.10	46	.40	49	.24
53	.22	51	.24	47	.60	50	.30
54	.27	52	.30	48	.90	53	.37
55	.60	53	.37	50	.25	54	.75
56	.75	54	.75	52	.10	55	.50
57	2.60	55	1.50	53	.60	58	1.00
58	4.50	56	1.85	54	.25	59	2.00
59	1.10	57	3.75	55	.20	60	2.50
60	1.10	58	11.00	56	.20	61	3.00
61	3.00	59	.30	57	.30	62	3.50
62	7.50	60	.24	58	.40	63	4.00
63	.06	61	.90	59	.60	64	.10
64	.10	66	.18	64	.04	65	.20
65	.30	67	.03	65	.06	66	.05
66	.24	68	.05	66	.12	67	.07
67	.46	69	.07	67	.20	70	.09
68	1.70	71	.10	69	.27	72	.13
69	1.50	72	.13	70	.40	73	.18
70	Australia	73	.18	71	.50	74	.24
71	1.70	74	.24	72	.60	75	.45
72	1.50	75	.45	73	.80	76	.90
73	1.30	76	.90	74	1.60	77	1.00
74	1.30	77	1.00	75	2.50	78	2.00
75	2.60	78	2.00	76	3.75	79	2.21
76	Australia	80	.09	68	.21	81	.06
77	1.70	82	.10	69	.27	83	.12
78	1.50	84	.10	70	.40	85	.18
79	1.30	86	.25	83	.06	87	.10
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190	.18	308	.45	197	1.10	309	1.10
191	.18	310	.45	198	1.10	311	1.10
192	.18	312	.45	199	1.10	313	1.10
193	.18	314	.45	200	1.10	315	1.10
194	.18	316	.45	201	1.10	317	1.10
195	.18	318	.45	202	1.10	319	1.10
196	.18	320	.45	203	1.10	321	1.10
197	.18	322	.45	204	1.10	323	1.10
198	.18	324	.45	205	1.10	325	1.10
199	.18	326	.45	206	1.10	327	1.10
200	.18	328	.45	207	1.10	329	1.10
201	.18	330	.45	208	1.10	331	1.10
202	.18	332	.45	209	1.10	333	1.10
203	.18	334	.45	210	1.10	335	1.10
204	.18	336	.45	211	1.10	337	1.10
205	.18	338	.45	212			

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DEALERS—WHOLESALE LISTS free on request. Pearl Brothers, 476 Smith Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. (33)

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Cuban Centenary Issue

In connection with the issuance of a 10¢ stamp to commemorate the centenary of the first postage stamp, the Cuban postal service arranged to place these stamps on sale at the Havana post office on November 22 so that "all those who wish to obtain a 'First Day' cancellation may have the opportunity of purchasing the stamps and arranging their covers for mailing on the 28th." The first day of issue was to be Nov. 28th, and apparently the stamps were not to be valid for postage prior to that date. All letters bearing the stamp, received or posted at the Havana post office on Nov. 28 were to receive the "first day" cancellation. The miniature sheets containing an imperforate block of the stamps were to be issued only at Havana, the regular sheets being in general circulation.

Mansfield Store Opens

The first stamp store in Mansfield, Ohio, opened its doors on Saturday, November 23 at 29½ E. Third St. Ambrose "Doc" Middleton is the proprietor of the new store, a venture he has been considering for some time. Mr. Middleton has been active in the local club for years and has collected a number of specialties. He began collecting in the 1920's when he was operating a drug store and when he sold out last February decided to eventually try his hand at the stamp business. The *Mansfield News-Journal* in its Sunday edition devoted space to the new shop.

• The magazine of the Marine Corps, "Leatherneck" sponsored a red and gold cachet for the 165th anniversary of the Corps, mailed appropriately from the U. S. S. Philadelphia which used a cancel with Marine Corps motto "Semper Fi-delis" between the bars.

• Two urchins were comparing notes. "What does your father do when you ask him questions?" one asked. "He generally says 'I'm busy now. Don't bother me,'" his pal replied. "Then when I get out of the room he looks it up in Scott's."

• The post office of Glen Morrison, W. Va., will change its name on January 1st to Sabine.

Over 5,000,000 Famous Americans First Day Covers

A total of 5,089,862 first day covers were sent of the 35 Famous Americans stamps issued this year. Total sales of the stamps on the first day of issue were 13,716,504 copies with a face value of \$435,620.43. The minimum number of sets of covers existing would be 116,219 since that was the smallest quantity of covers sent of any one stamp. This was the 10c Remington. Largest number of covers sent was of the 1c Horace Mann (186,854), while the largest number of stamps sold on a first day was the 1,234,128 record set by the 3c Victor Herbert

at New York City. Large as these quantities seem, no cover records were broken by individual stamps, even of the 5c and 10c. Nearest to the 1937 record 5c Virginia Dare 226,730 first day covers was the 5c Dr. Walter Reed with 154,464 covers. The 10c Booker Washington came very close with 163,507 covers to breaking the record set by the S. P. A. Smoky Mountain 10c pane of 164,215 in 1937.

Totals for each stamp, and each group of the first five sets were printed in July 20th LINN'S. Similar totals for the last two sets are printed below.

ARTISTS

Stamp	Covers Sent	Stamps Sold	Face Value
1c Stuart	131,965	434,521	\$ 4,345.21
2c Whistler	130,962	370,673	7,413.46
3c Saint-Gaudens	138,200	886,003	26,580.09
5c French	124,608	186,930	9,346.50
10c Remington	116,219	173,233	17,323.30
Total	641,954	2,051,360	\$65,008.56

INVENTORS

1c Whitney	140,868	465,000	4,650.00
2c Morse	135,388	1,030,246	20,604.92
3c McCormick	137,415	239,292	7,178.76
5c Howe	126,334	183,434	9,171.70
10c Bell	125,372	199,210	19,921.00
Total	665,377	2,117,182	\$61,526.38



By Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

THIS AND THAT

The lull always comes just before the storm, so I am looking for a storm as there sure is a lull right now.—I landed one of the hard to get OHIO towns the other day. Pataskala, on the 1c Presidential U-121.—It would be interesting for someone to get up a collection of towns and cities that have names of INDIAN derivation. Ohio, Indiana and Michigan could supply a lot, in fact most of the states of the Northwest Territory would be fertile field. I doubt if there is a state in the Union that does not have some towns or cities with Indian names.—In Ohio just off hand I can think of Maumee, Chillicothe, Tipp City, Coshcoton, etc., etc.—The death of H. M. Southgate is a blow to the precancel fraternity and also to this column as he faithfully supplied us with much useful information as well as his monthly lists of Bureau Shipments. We will surely miss him.—To club secretaries wishing notices of your meetings inserted in this column, especially those roundups, etc.: Please get your notices to me at least two weeks before publication date. In other words allow two weeks between the time I receive your notices till it will be published, then figure from there. In the past few months I have received notices that came too late to make the proper date or the publication date was same day as the event, which would have been of little or no help to your affair. Please remember this.—One of these too late notices came in today for the Monmouth County Philatelic Society meeting of Nov. 29th which featured a Precancel exhibition. It was franked with a 1c Defense from Red Bank, N. J. U-120 type.—The Third Assistant Postmaster General releases a list of new post offices authorized to sell precancels. I quote the Ohio towns. (Most of these are small places using local precancels.) Aberdeen, Colebrook, Farmersville, Fort Jennings, Highland, Rossford, Midvale. It is quite possible that some of these have been mentioned before but I think the Ohio boys will find a couple to track down.

• Navy post offices have been re-established on the U. S. S. Gregory and U. S. S. Livermore.

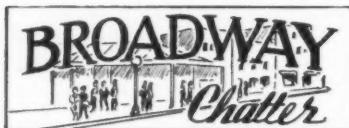
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FOREIGN

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K. M. GIERHART

Baltimore, Ohio



Vahan Mozian's auction sale on Saturday was very well attended. Belgium and Austrian sets brought very good prices. A New York wholesaler at this sale purchased the Austria Wipa sheet and 10 shilling Dollfuss stamp at \$55 and \$27 respectively. Austrian stamps are still very much in demand among wholesalers.

Last week I was misinformed that all Pitcairn sets were sent directly to the Islands by the Crown Agents and that no supplies would be forthcoming from the London dealers. The shipment of Pitcairns which reached New York this week was sent from London. However, supplies didn't last long and now everyone is waiting for their next supply which will come directly from the Islands.

Continued small shipments of German and German Occupation stamps are being received in New York; as yet there have been no large wholesale shipments. As a result current market prices are extremely high, but, even though the prices are high there are still no supplies. Everyone is hopeful of receiving a shipment at lower prices.

The recognition of last year's New York World Fair issue from Brazil, by Scott, seems to have been the signal for the release of a large speculative holding of this set. However, the seller was forced to sell them at a 25% loss in order to get rid of his holdings.

A number of weeks ago I pointed out that plate number collecting of booklet panes and coil stamps had been making much progress. As a result I was shown several rare pieces. This week, I was shown a current 2c Presidential coil strip with a complete plate number attached. The guillotine had cut this roll one-half inch out of line. This was the first complete number on a coil or booklet pane

stamp that I had ever seen, which was not a foldover item. Fortunately this piece was obtained by a dealer who bought the complete coil of 500 stamps at the post office. This item will remain in his personal collection.

Bermuda Censorship

It is not generally known by the American people that almost every letter going to or coming from Europe to the U. S. is examined at Bermuda. The American Export Line ships, when traveling to Europe, do not stop at Bermuda, but go 400 miles out of their way to allow Bermuda's stevedores to come aboard and take off mail bags.

Despite the war, mails between the U. S. and Europe have been heavy. Since August the mail has been piling up at Bermuda. Last month Great Britain rushed 200 additional censors to Bermuda. The stolid English censors will be a remarkable contrast with the vivacious American tourists who usually haunt the colony.

Sydney Moorhouse, British philatelic authority, estimates that Bermuda's 19 post offices handle 4,500,000 pieces of mail a year. This colony has an area of only 12 square miles, and a population of less than 25,000. With the addition of 200 censors, Bermuda probably has more postal employees for its size than any other country in the world.

—James C. Parish, Jr.

• Mr. G. McNamara has retired from the position of Director-General of the Post and Telegraph Department of New Zealand, being succeeded by the Hon. J. G. Young.

• Blonde clerk: "Could I interest you in Afghanistan?"

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